AN ACT

Designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8672, on that portion of State Route 3045 over the South Branch Blacklick Creek, Vintondale Borough, Cambria County, as the John "Sonny" Kuhar, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 45635, on that portion of State Route 1036 over Howells Run at Lake Rowena, Ebensburg Borough, Cambria County, as the Ross W. Dixon Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8604, on that portion of State Route 2014 over U.S. 22, Cambria County, as the Sheriff Bob Kolar, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. John "Sonny" Kuhar, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) John Kuhar, Jr., was born on May 29, 1941, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

(2) Mr. Kuhar graduated from Nanty Glo-Vintondale Joint High School in 1959.

(3) In 1960, Mr. Kuhar began to work in law enforcement while working at Nevy Brothers Store in Vintondale.

(4) Mr. Kuhar served as a police officer in Vintondale.

(5) Mr. Kuhar served as Chief of Police in both Vintondale Borough and Blacklick Township.

(6) In 1987, Mr. Kuhar joined the Cambria County Sheriff's Office and served honorably until his death in 2020.

(7) During his dedicated 60-year law enforcement tenure, Mr. Kuhar received numerous awards.

(8) Mr. Kuhar also received a Valor Award from the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County and Vicinity and the Police Officer of the Year Award from the Nanty Glo Borough Police Department.

(9) Mr. Kuhar's Cambria County Deputy Sheriff's badge number 13 is now retired.

(10) Mr. Kuhar was a lifelong resident of Vintondale Borough, serving as mayor and constable, while also being a lifetime member of the Vintondale Volunteer Fire Department.

(b) Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8672, located on State Route 3045 in Vintondale Borough, Cambria County, over the South Branch Blacklick Creek is designated the John "Sonny" Kuhar, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

(c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Section 2. Ross W. Dixon Memorial Bridge.

(a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) Mr. Ross W. Dixon was born on October 19, 1952, in
Mr. Dixon followed in his father's footsteps, serving as a part-time police officer with the Ebensburg Borough Police Department.

Mr. Dixon began his career with the Cambria County Sheriff's Office in 2005, working several positions throughout the Cambria County Courthouse.

Throughout Mr. Dixon's nearly 50-year career in law enforcement, he served as his father did with unconditional kindness.

Mr. Dixon was very active, well known and loved throughout the Ebensburg community.

Mr. Dixon taught karate, as well as coached baseball and track.

Mr. Dixon passed away from an on-duty exposure of COVID-19 on February 9, 2021.

At the time of his death, Deputy Ross Dixon was employed full-time with the Cambria County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Ross W. Dixon's name will be formally dedicated on the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Wall in Washington, DC in May of 2022.

The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 45635, located on State Route 1036 in Ebensburg Borough, Cambria County, over Howells Run at Lake Rowena is designated the Ross W. Dixon Memorial Bridge.

The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge.

Section 3. Sheriff Bob Kolar, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

The General Assembly finds and declares as

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follows:

(1) Robert "Bob" Alan Kolar, Sr., was born on February 14, 1945, in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

(2) Sheriff Kolar was a graduate of Bishop Carroll High School located in Ebensburg.

(3) Sheriff Kolar went on to attend Mount Aloysius College and Indiana University of Pennsylvania graduating with a degree in criminology.

(4) Following graduation, Sheriff Kolar joined the Marine Corps and served honorably for two years.

(5) When his military service came to an end, Sheriff Kolar began his law enforcement career joining the Pennsylvania State Police in 1968.

(6) Sheriff Kolar served as a Pennsylvania State Trooper for 25 years.

(7) In his 25 years of service, Sheriff Kolar was assigned to various Troops across this Commonwealth, but he mainly served in Troop A based in Ebensburg and retired in 1992.

(8) Sheriff Kolar was first elected as Cambria County sheriff in 1998.

(9) During his tenure, Sheriff Kolar served as a board member of the National Sheriff's Association Domestic Violence Committee, as the president of the Cambria County Prison Board for 15 years and he was the first Sheriff appointed to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency by the Governor in 2008.

(10) In 2016, Sheriff Kolar entered into a partnership with the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force and in 2017 he received recognition for removing 150 criminals off the
During his time in office, Sheriff Bob Kolar was chosen to provide security for United States Presidents George W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Donald Trump when the Presidents visited Cambria County.

Sheriff Kolar served as the manager for Ebensburg Little League Baseball for nine years.

Mr. Kolar was a member of many clubs and organizations and served on many committees such as the Chiefs of Police Association, Fraternal Order of Police, the Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association, the National Sheriffs' Association, the VFW, Marine Corps League, Vietnam Veterans of America, the Moose, the Elks, the Eagles, the American Legion and the National Rifle Association.

Sheriff Kolar passed away on May 6, 2020, while still serving the people of Cambria County as sheriff.

Sheriff Kolar left behind a legacy of service and commitment to the community that will be remembered for years to come.

Sheriff Kolar had the longest tenure as sheriff in Cambria County history.

Designation.--The bridge, identified as Bridge Key 8604, located on State Route 2014, over U.S. 22, Cambria County, is designated the Sheriff Bob Kolar, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

(c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to traffic in both directions on the bridge and under the bridge along U.S. 22.